



FACT SHEET



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Making a Difference Community Wildfire Protection Plan California

Under the California Department of Forestry a California Fire Plan is required for each Ranger Unit. This is also a requirement for each of the Contract Counties in southern California. The plan must include stakeholder involvement, assessment, and collaboration/consensus on projects. Project list must be updated each year. Generally these plans do not include Federal lands, but in a few cases they have been included.

The California Fire Alliance endorses Community Fire Protection Plans since the National Fire Plan in 2001.

Ten FireWise Workshops completed in California were customized to educate people on the importance of Community Fire Protection Plans and the integration of the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 to have a state and county Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan to be considered for future funding if a disaster occurs.

The California Fire Alliance is sponsoring a series of workshops to education Federal, state, and local government and Fire Safe Councils on the Alliance's acceptance of existing Community Fire Protection Plans and how to incorporate CDF's California Fire Plan, Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requirement for a Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Community Wildfire Protection Plan of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 and the Community Fire Protection for the National Fire Plan can all be consolidated into one plan.

The California Fire Alliance has received informal word that a Grant will come from FEMA to provide technical assistance to up to 30 groups to do a Community Fire Protection Plan/Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan. This is 2003 Grant from FEMA through California Office of Emergency Services to CDF for this Fire Alliance initiative.

Lake Tahoe has six fire districts, which are doing a Community Wildfire Protection Plans. These six plans will be combined with a Tahoe Basin Community Fire Protection Plan by the Tahoe Regional Planning Association. The Forest Service is deeply involved in this effort. Target date is to have the plan completed is August 2004.

The California Fire Alliance in cooperation with the State Fire Safe Council has developed a "One Stop Shopping Process" for all eligible Non-profit groups with National Fire Plan Funding for non-federal lands. Funding for non-federal lands under the HFRA should also go through this process of the State Fire Safe Council.

For more information on the Healthy Forests Restoration Act and the Healthy Forests Initiative, visit www.healthyforests.gov